(c) what was the rate of recovery taken in each case and upto what date assessment was made; and

(d) when was each case referred to collector of Revenue and when was it withdrawn?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

**Price approval to the products of Small Scale Units**

1362. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3734 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988, and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those small scale sector units which are marketing their medicines through organised sector units are not exempt from price control;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of major selling medicines are being sold without price approval at very high prices under this arrangement;

(c) what are the reasons for not collecting these details and fix their prices;

(d) what are the details of cases falling under this situation where his Ministry fixed the prices under DPCO, 1987;

(e) whether it is a fact that the companies are not seeking price approval under this situation; and

(f) what are the reasons for not taking action against them under the Essential Commodities Act?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Required information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

**Part payments of overcharged amounts from Drug Companies**

1363. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 461 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is accepting part payments against the amount due worked out as overcharging;

(b) the names of the companies from which part payments were accepted;

(c) when and what was the total amount worked out in each case;

(d) what is the policy in respect of instalments and whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard;

(e) by when the total amount in each case is likely to be recovered; and

(f) what were the basis on which only three cases were referred to the Collector of Revenue for recovery and not all the cases where amounts have been worked out?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of amounts assessed by the special team in respect of 7 companies and the amounts received are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Name of the Company | Amount Assessed | Amount Received |
|---|---|---|
| M/s. Cyanamid I Ltd. | 389.06 | 50.00 |
| M/s. Hoechst | 458.10 | 300.00 |
| M/s. Geoffrey Manners Ltd. | 28.37 | 25.00 |
| M/s. John Wyeth Ltd. | 133.46 | |
| M/s. Franco Indian Pharma | 11.02 | 0.43 |
| M/s. Ethnor Ltd. | 8.15 | 8.00 |
| M/s. Pfizer Ltd. | 48.21 | 10.00 |

(d) No guidelines have been issued in this regard.

(e) The amount due from the companies would be recovered as per due process of law.

(f) The three companies referred to in part (f) did not pay any amount at the time of issue of notices for recovery as arrears of land revenue.

**Prices of anti TB formulations**

1364. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 462 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th September, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the prices fixed for each of anti-TB bulk drug under DPCO, 1987 alongwith the date of fixation;

(b) whether it is a fact that all these drugs are being sold in open market at much cheaper prices than the Government fixed prices;

(c) whether it is a fact that prices of all the formulations have not been fixed based on the prices of bulk drugs;

(d) whether it is also a fact that prices of a number of anti-TB formulations have not been revised as per MAPE allowed in DPCO, 1987; and

(e) if so, why the Ministry is depriving the poor TB patients from the relief which the Government decided to give to them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The details to the extent available are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) The fact of Rifampicin bulk drug being available at less than previous notified price of Rs. 3000/kg. was brought to the notice of the Government.

(c) to (e) Price of the bulk drug has been reduced under DPCO, 1987 in the case of Rifampicin only. Prices of all formulation packs based on Rifampicin have already been reduced on that basis.

**Statement**

*The prices fixed under DPCO, 1987 in respect of anti-TB bulk drugs are as follows:*

| | Rs./Kg. | Date of revision |
|---|---|---|
| *Sodium Pas* | | |
| M/s. IDPL | 130.00 | 16-2-88 |
| M/s. Biochemicals and Synthetic Products Ltd. | 145.00 | Do. |
| Price for formulations | 138.00 | 16-2-88 |
| *Thiacetazone* | 216.00 | 5-4-88 |
| *Ethambutol* | | |
| M/s. Lupin Ltd. | 699.00 | 17-8-88 |
| M/s. Cadila Labs | 984.00 | Do. |
| M/s. Themis Ltd. | 861.00 | Do. |